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MODERN PREACHING AIDS

We wish to praise particularly those preachers of the divine word who, aware of their duty to preserve in their integrity the morals of those to whom they minister and whom they lead along the path of truth, make good use of the means provided by motion pictures, radio, and television to this end, and thus share with their flock the genuinely salutary benefits and inventions which our times have introduced. We therefore desire that those who wield authority, either in Church or state, should support in a special way the activity and enterprise of these preachers.

The Pope Speaks

THE MANTLE OF CHARITY

They still tell this story in the little towns of Italy, and the thousands of towns over the world where there are Dominicans — those penniless, yet rich, men and women who vow poverty and chastity, and devote their lives to charity.

Catherine of Siena, the daughter of a rich family, left her heritage of ease to become a Dominican nun. One freezing day she encountered an old and poorly-clad man who was shivering in a hallway. Quickly, and without any hesitation, she took off her heavy mantle and placed it on his shoulders.

The onlookers were shocked, and one was bold enough to tell Catherine that it was unseemly for a daughter of God to walk the streets without a mantle. To which she replied gently:

"I would much rather be found without a mantle than without charity."

Guideposts

TO SEE GOD

The secret of sanctity is to see God in everything. Let us often remind ourselves that there is not a moment of the day, not a happening in our life, but is permitted or willed by God, in order that we may use it to testify our love for Him. Let yourself be gently led, day by day, by the graces which the good God grants you. Let all circumstances which arise, foreseen or unforeseen, agreeable or disagreeable, serve you as instruments of well-doing and draw you nearer to our Lord.

Cardinal Merry del Val

